



2025 – 2026

HASTINGS TRAVELING BASKETBALL

PARENT HANDBOOK

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Hastings Traveling Basketball. Thank you so much for choosing us for your player. We are honored to have the privilege of developing the youth basketball player in your life.

Our philosophy is to provide Hastings' area youth an opportunity to play organized basketball in a positive and motivational environment. We do this by providing learning and development opportunities at a competitive pace. Participants will develop basketball skills, leadership abilities, self-confidence and they will learn how to successfully interact with others to achieve a common objective. We hope all participants develop a pure joy of the game and learn the value of basketball as a lifetime fitness activity.

In the pages that follow, you will find information on Hastings Basketball. Please feel free to reach out to our board with any questions at: hastingsbasketballboard@gmail.com

HASTINGS BASKETBALL BOARD STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

HBB shall support, encourage, and advance the Hastings basketball programs (Hoops Factory, traveling teams, high school). The premise being to cultivate wholesome school spirit, promote good sportsmanship, and develop character and high ideals.

This association shall provide our local youth an opportunity to play organized basketball in a positive and motivational environment, by providing learning and development opportunities at a competitive pace. No person will be denied the opportunity to participate in HBB programs because of an inability to pay a fee.

HBB shall raise funds to update the necessary equipment, prioritize learning and development opportunities, and cultivate a strong and inclusive program.

HBB shall not seek to influence or direct the activities or policies of the school administration including, but not limited to, personnel decisions or of the school officials who are charged with responsibility of conducting the athletics program of the Middle School and High School.

HBB will follow both MSHSL and MYAS rules and do nothing that in any way jeopardizes participation in area leagues.

HBB shall follow requirements of operating as a 5013c organization and do nothing that violates any laws or rules.

Upon dissolution of HBB, the board shall pay or make provision for payment of all outstanding liabilities. Once all liabilities have been paid, the board shall dispose of all assets of HBB to a 501(c) organization(s), of the board's choice, determined by majority vote.

HBB will purchase liability insurance for all HBB board members, HBB coaches, tournament officials, and anyone else working as a volunteer in the association.

2025 – 2026 HASTINGS BASKETBALL BOARD POSITIONS

HASTINGS BASKETBALL BOOSTERS

EXECUTIVE ROLES

PRESIDENT
AARON WICKBOLDT

TREASURER
MARK BUTLER

SECRETARY
ERIKA ESTERBY

FUNDRAISING
MEREDITH MOSEMAN

BOOSTER SUPPORT

CONCESSIONS
SARAH McNAMARA

WEB MASTER
ETHAN SAMSON

REGISTRAR
EMILY LINBO

**SPONSORSHIPS/
MEMBER AT LARGE**
JOE QUINN

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

HOOPS FACTORY COORDINATOR
AARON WICKBOLDT

OFF SEASON TRAINING
BRENT KLEFFMAN

10,000 SHOT CLUB
ERIC WEBER

TRAVELING PROGRAM

BOYS DIRECTOR
DENISE DEUTSCH

GIRLS DIRECTOR
KRYSYAL ROTTY

SOCIAL MEDIA
AMY SCHWANKE

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
AMY SCHWANKE

COACH DEVELOPMENT
AARON MCPHERSON

COMMUNICATION
TRAVELING DIRECTORS/EMILY LINBO

**UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT
COORDINATOR**
JON PETERSON

TOURNAMENT CO-DIRECTORS
BRIAN DAVIS & KATIE THOMAS

HS PROGRAM

HS LIASON
KRISTA GIESEN

SOCIAL MEDIA
DAWN FOSS

BASKETBALL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

2025 - 2026 TRAVELING BASKETBALL BENEFITS MATRIX

	3RD GRADE	4TH GRADE	5TH GRADE	6TH GRADE	7TH GRADE	8TH GRADE		
SEASON MONTHS	OCTOBER - FEBRUARY							
GIRLS / BOYS TEAMS	BOTH					BOYS ONLY*		
TEAM FORMATION	EVEN TEAMS IF MORE THAN 1 TEAM	A & B TEAMS IF MORE THAN 1 TEAM	A & B TEAMS IF MORE THAN 1 TEAM	A & B TEAMS IF MORE THAN 1 TEAM	A & B TEAMS IF MORE THAN 1 TEAM	A & B TEAMS IF MORE THAN 1 TEAM		
PRACTICES	2X PER WEEK (APPROX 6-7:30PM) M-F					2X PER WEEK (APPROX 7:30-9PM) M-F		
TOURNAMENTS	MYBA league + 2	5	6	7	8	8		
VARSITY GAME ADMISSION	FREE ADMISSION TO ALL VARSITY HOME BASKETBALL GAMES FOR ALL PLAYERS							
COACHES	PARENT VOLUNTEERS WITH GUIDANCE FROM OUR COACH DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR				Parent Volunteers + 1 paid non-parent coach (as available)			
VOLUNTEER (DIBS) HOURS	12 HOURS / FAMILY OR \$300 VOLUNTEER HOUR BUYOUT							
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE VIA ONLINE APPLICATION AND IS GIVEN ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS							
PROGRAM TOTALS	\$200 + DEPOSITS	\$250 + DEPOSITS	\$350 + DEPOSITS	\$350 + DEPOSITS	\$450 + DEPOSITS	\$450 + DEPOSITS		
DEPOSIT INFORMATION	<p>DIKS DEPOSIT: All families will also have a future payment of \$300 (plus processing fees) scheduled for 4/1/2025</p> <p>UNIFORM DEPOSIT: All players (1 for each player in a family) will also have a future payment of \$200 (plus processing fees) scheduled for 5/1/2025</p> <p>BOTH DEPOSITS WILL BE CANCELLED IF</p> <p>(1) VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT IS COMPLETELY FULFILLED, PARTIAL HOURS DO NOT COUNT AND YOUR CARD WILL BE CHARGED</p> <p>(2) UNIFORM IS RETURNED TO THE PROGRAM UNDAMAGED AND IN FULL</p>							
OPTIONAL TRAINING	Optional training sessions will be organized post season and offered in the spring/summer.							

*8th grade girls should register with the High School basketball program. They will play a C-Squad schedule along with many other 8th grade girls in the metro as this is what most basketball associations do because of numbers.

+ MYBA 3rd Grade Travel League: This league offers 12 games across flexible play dates from November through February and is designed for families new to travel basketball. In addition to this league, the 3rd graders will play in our home Spiral Tournaments as well as the MYAS Grade State Tournament

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Hastings Basketball is a nonprofit organization that has funds available for financial assistance. If you are interested in applying for Financial Assistance, please complete the application form https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1AnEWpeu7z3SyS5LPgJ3LINA1QPwTN_LZI0bwwkLYikw/edit

Financial Assistance is granted season-by-season on a case-by-case basis. A new application for financial assistance is necessary each new season. All applications will be evaluated by the President & Treasurer. They will contact players' families with a decision after registration is closed.

The information provided will remain confidential and will not be disclosed to anyone except the President & the Treasurer and will be used for the sole purpose of determining eligibility for assistance. Completing an application does not guarantee you will be approved for assistance. HBB may award partial assistance in cases of large number of applicants to assist as many players as possible. As a part of receiving financial assistance families must complete their required amount of volunteer time.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Handling of conflicts prior to, during and after the season is completed:

1. If a conflict arises with a coach, player or parent, we ask that you please wait 24 hours after conflict for cooling down period.
2. Player/parent discuss matter with head coach, even if matter is with head coach. 3. If the matter is not resolved to all parties' satisfaction, then elevate the matter to the appropriate program director (Denise Deutsch (boys) or Krystal Rotty (girls)).
4. If this still does not resolve the issue to all then the matter will be elevated to the HBB. 5. HBB will review the matter and determine final outcome.

HBB PLAYER/PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1325Om_AkP_neIKTSP0j5Lhe4VvRGw4r39XsTiRJ489c/edit?usp=sharing

HBB REFUND POLICY

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yNUS0eShKF7UXXT00mzC81s4wEHb9cQGxr46efLKPYo/edit?usp=sharing>

SCHEDULING

Practices

The Master Practice Schedule is posted on our official website

<https://www.hastingsbasketball.com.app.crossbar.org/>

This will change at times throughout the year

Practices will also be uploaded onto individual team pages in the Crossbar app.

PRACTICE SCHEDULES ARE ALWAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. While we try our best to give ample notice, this isn't always possible. School sponsored events take precedence over outside activities, which means we may not always get our desired gym day/time and in some instances may get bumped for a school sponsored event. Please be patient with us as we are always trying to get the best options possible for our program. In the event of inclement weather and/or school building closures, program directors and coaches will communicate practice cancellations as soon as possible to families.

We try our best to have consistent days& times for practices, but this may not always be possible. Gym space is tight, we have many bodies to fit onto courts and there are several other community groups that use our district's gym spaces throughout our basketball season. Typically, practices will be 2x/week, utilizing Monday/Tuesday/Thursdays as much as we can. We will utilize the High School, Middle School, McAuliffe and Pinecrest gyms.

-3rd, 4th, 5th grades scheduled from 6:00-7:30pm

-6th, 7th, 8th grades schedule from 7:30-9:00pm

TOURNAMENTS

Tournaments that our program has registered for are on the basketball website:

<https://www.hastingsbasketball.com.app.crossbar.org/>

If you would like to have your specific team, please locate the schedule on your team page or within the SportsEngine App . Once schedules have been loaded (towards the end of September), the tournaments will appear.

Most tournaments are 1 day (either Saturday or Sunday), and teams will play 3-4 games in that one day. Your brackets, locations, and times are determined by the hosting club, not HBB. The schedules will be sent to you by your coaches as soon as they are available (usually early in the week of the tournament).

EQUIPMENT & UNIFORMS

Uniforms will be ordered by the player during try-on events. They will be purchased by and shipped directly to the player. Players will own their uniform and they will not be turned in at the end of the season.

HBB will provide an option for families to purchase a custom shooting shirt for their player through our Apparel Store.

HBB will provide practice jerseys which will be turned in at the end of the season. Families will be charged \$50 for damaged or not returned practice jerseys.

Apparel Store

For the 2025-26 Season we will be offering a Hastings Basketball Apparel Store through BSN. All items are shipped directly to your home. A variety of brands and styles will be offered. HBB receives a portion of the proceeds, so it is a great way to support the program while getting some nice swag!

https://bsnteamsports.com/shop/RAIDBB25?utm_source=mobile_phone&utm_medium=sms&utm_campaign=store_closes

Hastings Basketball Bag

As a welcome to all our new players the HBB would like to gift you a personalized Hastings Basketball backpack. There is no action needed on your part to get this bag. We order the bags once registration is closed, and they will be distributed as soon as we have them.

Player Passes

During the first weeks of practices, we will be snapping a quick headshot of your player. This will be put on their player pass and also posted as their roster picture on your team site. Player passes will be handed out at practice early in the season. Your family will be notified when player passes are handed out, because we know that sometimes what ends up in our players' bags doesn't always make it all the way to the adults.

THIS PASS IS WORTH MONEY!! This pass gets your child into every varsity home basketball game for FREE! Varsity players love when the stands are packed, and people are cheering! Taking your player to a game is a great way to support the program and see what the next step is after you are done with the traveling program.

Please note that players CANNOT get in free without their player pass and will have to pay admission. Additionally, please make sure you are adhering to our HHS policies on elementary & middle school aged kids at high school sporting events. Please refer to the Hastings High School Athletics site for more specifics:<https://www.hastingsathletics.org/admission>

**Please take care of your player's pass so we can continue to offer free admission to varsity games. Admission is paid for by the Hastings Basketball Boosters.*

Equipment & Uniform Coordinator Contact:

Jon Peterson, Email: jdp8865@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer Requirements

Youth programming can't run without the much-appreciated help of our volunteers! Volunteering is a great way to give back to the programs that your players are a part of and it is also a great way to get to know the other parents in the program to strengthen our basketball community.

Each family is required to volunteer a total of 12 hours OR pay a \$300 Volunteer Buyout. Hastings Basketball would prefer that you fulfill your hours.

At the time of registration, you have the option to:

1. Fulfill your volunteer hours for your family – which is HBB's preferred option (volunteering at tournaments, coaching or joining the basketball board).
 - a. Choosing this option will set up a future payment of \$300 to be charged on 4/1/2026.
 - b. If your volunteer hours are fulfilled, then this payment will get cancelled.
 - c. IF YOU DO NOT COMPLETE THE 12 HOURS YOUR CREDIT CARD WILL BE CHARGED \$300 ON 4/1/2026.
2. Pay the \$300 volunteer buyout option in which case your credit card will be charged at the time of registration and your family will be excused from needing to fulfill volunteer hours.

The families that are exempt from the required 12 hours of volunteering are:

- Head Coach Family
- Assistant Coach #1 Family
- Assistant Coach #2 Family

If you are interested in Coaching (head coach or assistant) please reach out to your respective directors. Denise Deutsch or Krystal Rotty to see where needs are and specific roles & expectations of the coaching titles.

Volunteer (DIBS) Opportunities

The bulk of the volunteer opportunities will be during the Spiral Tournaments (November 22/23 and January 3/4).

Traditionally, girls' families volunteer at the boy's tournament and boys' families volunteer at the girl's tournament. This way, families don't have to plan around their players' game schedules and can just enjoy the tournament. Some of the volunteer options for tournaments are concessions, court monitors, clean up and more. Sign up for these events is done through our Hastings Basketball

website (Crossbar) and will be released as we get closer to the start of the season. You will be notified if other opportunities are available, but you should plan on volunteering at the tournaments.

- Girls Spiral Tournament: November 22nd & 23rd, 2025 @ Hastings High School - Boys Spiral Tournament: January 3rd & 4th, 2026 @ Hastings High School & Hastings Middle School

Volunteer Guidelines

Below are the guidelines that we ask you to follow when volunteering so we can make sure we are covered adequately to put on a successful tournament that teams & fans want to keep coming back to:

- If you sign up for a shift and can't make it, it is your responsibility to find someone to work your shift.
- If you do not work your shift or find someone to work your shift your account will automatically be charged \$300 on 4/1/2026.
- The person filling your shift must be at least 16 years old and you must notify the volunteer coordinators prior to your shift.
- If you just don't show up for your shift and a Basketball Board Member fills your shift, your account will automatically be charged \$300 on 4/1/2026.
- If you sign up for a certain school, please note that we may ask you to change locations due to need. We will make every effort to notify you a week prior to the tournament of any changes.
- If you fail to fulfill your volunteer obligation, your account will automatically be charged \$300 on 4/1/2026.

Volunteer Coordinator Contact Information

Amy Schwanke, Email: schwanke22@gmail.com

BASKETBALL PROGRAM COMMUNICATION

Throughout the season HBB will communicate with you several different ways. We do our best to post all information to our website to make sure that you are as informed as possible.

Your avenues for staying connected:

-Hastings Basketball Website

<https://www.hastingsbasketball.com.app.crossbar.org/>

- Hastings Basketball Facebook Page: search Hastings Basketball, follow us and join our groups!

- Hastings Traveling Basketball Group
- Hastings High School Basketball Group

-Occasional emails for program wide communications

Throughout the season we do our best to highlight teams and their tournament finishes. If you have a team photo that you would like for us to post or information that would benefit the program as a whole, please send share it with us via the Hastings Traveling Basketball Facebook Group.

Communications Contacts:

Communications & General Inquiry Email: hastingsbasketballboard@gmail.com

Traveling Social Media | Emily Linbo, Email: elimbo@comcast.net

High School Social Media | Dawn Foss | dawnnicolefoss@gmail.com

SPECIAL EVENTS DESCRIPTIONS

Throughout the season we have many special events going on. Fundraising helps provide sustainability to our traveling and high school programs. Thank you to all our families that help our fundraising efforts run smoothly!

Raider Experience Night (R.E.N.)

Join the Hastings Raiders Varsity teams for a VIP experience! On this special night one or two age groups of players get to: Stand on the baseline for the National Anthem, be a part of the starting lineup tunnel, play at halftime (or our 7th & 8th graders help coach!) and rub elbows with the team after the game! Specific nights are listed at the end of the handbook. Dates TBD

Meet the Raiders Night

This is an extra special night where we invite all our Hoops Factory and Traveling players to the game to help cheer on the home team! After the game, all traveling players are invited to stay and get their Hastings Basketball Team poster signed by each of the players. Lots of photo ops with your favorite players! *Dates TBD*

Meat Raffle Fundraiser, NOVEMBER 8th

If you haven't been to a Meat Raffle, then you're in for a treat – or should we say "some meat"! A meat raffle is when a local establishment (in this case No Name Saloon in Prescott, WI) purchases a whole bunch of meat from the grocery store (steaks, roasts, beef, pork, bacon, sausage, etc) and then has someone (HBB) come in and raffle off chances to win this meat. You purchase a number for a set amount of money (usually \$1 or \$2) and then the caller spins the wheel. If your number gets called, you get to go pick out some meat! All money raised during this event goes directly back to the program that is running it.

Spiral Tournaments

GIRLS Saturday November 22nd & 23rd, 2025

BOYS Saturday January 2nd & 3rd, 2026

Tournaments are our biggest fundraising opportunity, and we need A LOT of volunteers for things to run smoothly so teams want to come back year after year.

Girls: If registration allows, the plan is normally that girls' teams in grades 4, 6 and 8 will play on Saturday November 22nd and girls teams in grades 3, 5, and 7 will play on Sunday November 23rd. It is a one-day format with a 3 game (per team) guarantee. These days specified above for each grade could possibly change if we have more teams register than expected.

Boys: If registration allows, the plan is normally that boys' teams in grades 4, 6 and 8 will play on

Saturday January 2nd and boys' teams in grades 3, 5, and 7 will play on Sunday January 3rd. It is a one-day format with a 3 game (per team) guarantee. These days specified above for each grade could possibly change if we have more teams register than expected.

Our traveling basketball families will be responsible for staffing concessions, and other various jobs. These jobs are to be signed up for through our volunteer sign up on SportsEngine (DIBS). This is a great tournament to invite family to so they can watch their favorite ballers get it done on the court!

[Blue & Gold Nights, Monday November 17th, 2025](#) [Girls. Monday November 24th, 2025](#) [boys](#) Blue & Gold Nights are an AWESOME evening for our entire program. On the 17th, we will be highlighting our girls program from 3rd through 12th grades. On the 24th, we will be highlighting our boys program from 3rd through 12th grades. Grades 3-12 are divided into Blue and Gold teams. The teams then play each other at each level. Music is on and the energy in the gym gets everyone – even the parents – hyped! The scoreboard is a running total for the Blue & Gold team all evening long. There are many activities going on, prizes and even a meet and greet opportunity for our young players to get to know the JV & Varsity teams.

A typical Blue & Gold Night consists of:

6:30pm: Entire Program Photo

6:40pm: 10K Shot Club Participant Photo

6:50pm: Welcome and Introduction of the night

3rd & 4th Grade Team Intros & tunnel run

3rd Grade Intersquad Scrimmage – 8 min

4th Grade Intersquad Scrimmage – 8 min

5th & 6th Grade Team Intros & Tunnel run

5th Grade Intersquad Scrimmage – 8 min

6th Grade Intersquad Scrimmage – 8 min

7th & 8th Grade Team Intros & Tunnel Run

7th Grade Intersquad Scrimmage – 8 min

8th Grade Intersquad Scrimmage – 8 min

HS Team Intros & Tunnel Run

HS Intersquad Scrimmage – 12 min

Airplane Toss for to win Local Gift Cards

[Other Local Fundraisers -TBD](#)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

Fun events that help us create bonds and give back to our community—TBD

2025 – 2026 GIRLS PROGRAM CONTACT

Girls Traveling Director: Krystal Rotty

Email: krystalrotty@hotmail.com

2025 – 2026 BOYS PROGRAM CONTACT

Boys Traveling Director: Denise Deutsch

Emails: hastingstravelingboysdirector@gmail.com

PLAY UP POLICY

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Txr4QtHrSAGccqs7dZu0kZVs33d9NeGRzNdAp9w79CE/edit?usp=sharing>

A parent may request his or her player play up a grade level by emailing a formal request to the HBB President and their respective Traveling Director prior to player assessments.

Aaron Wickboldt, President: aaronwickboldt@gmail.com

Denise Deutsch, Boys Traveling: hastingstravelingboysdirector@gmail.com

Krystal Rotty, Girls Traveling: krystalrotty@hotmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES

Now that you are registered and a part of the program you may be asking yourself what you all need to know for dates and if you have completed all the things you need to do. Here is a quick look at the important to-do list and dates for you and your player(s).

To Do List

- ✓ Tell your friends about the FREE youth clinic (K-4th grade) on 9/16 & 9/17!
- ✓ Add our email to your safelist! hastingsbasketballboard@gmail.com
- ✓ Order from the Apparrel Store *Closes October 9th*
*https://bsnteamsports.com/shop/RAIDBB25?utm_source=mobile_phone&utm_medium=sms&utm_campaign=store_closes
- ✓ Check out the planned Tournaments and tentatively put them on your family calendar (you won't know until it is closer exact days/times of the tournament, but you will at least have a placeholder)
- ✓ Like our Facebook Page so you can stay up to date with current events
- ✓ Go to our website get yourself up to speed on all the events

- ✓ Connect your players' team calendar(s) to your family calendar

Important Program Dates

Monday August 19 – Tuesday Sept 30

- Registration Open

Friday September 29 - Thursday Oct 9th

- Apparel Store Open

Tuesday September 16 & Wednesday September 17th

- FREE Youth Clinic for grades K-4 @ HMS 6:00-7:00pm

Tuesday September 23rd & Wednesday September 24th

- Boys & 7th Grade Girls Traveling Assessments @ HMS 6-9pm

Monday October 6th

- Parent Information Meeting @ HMS Media Center 6:15-7:15pm

October 6th, 8th

- Optional Open Gyms @ HMS 6:00-8:00pm

October 20th—First day of practice

Monday November 17th

- Girls Blue & Gold Night, HHS 7:00-9:00pm

Saturday November 22nd & Sunday November 23rd

- Girls Spiral Tournament, HHS ALL DAY 7:00am-9:00pm

Monday November 24th

- Boys Blue & Gold Night, HHS 7:00-9:00pm

Saturday January 3rd & Sunday January 4th

- Boys Spiral Tournament, HHS & HMS ALL DAY 7:00am-9:00pm

Varsity Home Game Special Nights

TBD—watch for updates on the socials and in Crossbar schedules.